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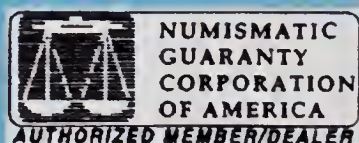


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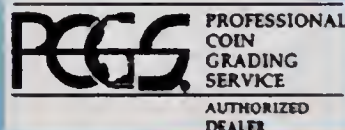
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# President's Message

By: Steve Harrison

Dear ILNA members,

The summer is upon us, and as hot as it gets in the summer, the coin and precious metal is just as hot. Daily fluctuations in the market are making for an exciting time in history in our industry. Our show in September is looking like another huge success in the making. With only a handful of tables left and new and exciting seminars being scheduled, I cannot wait for the show to get here! We are always looking for people to help with the organization, as well as the setup for the show. So if you are interested, please give me a shout.

With the upcoming show in September, it is time to reach out to our membership and ask for nominations for executive board positions, which are all up for reelection (President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer). We are also looking for nominations for board governor positions. Several of these positions are also up for reelection. Nominations are made to Michael Doran, secretary of the board. They can be made in writing or e-mailed to him at [secretary@ilnaclub.info](mailto:secretary@ilnaclub.info). Along with the nomination, a biography of the person must also be submitted. These nominations must be received by the secretary no later than July 5, 2010. After that, a ballot will be created and sent out to the membership on July 19, 2010. All existing non-opposed board members and governors will also have biographies with this ballot when it is mailed out. Ballots must be mailed back and received by August 16, 2010. We will announce the results of the election at our annual fall show in September.

We are always looking for people that are interested in working with the board. Ideas and opinions are always welcome. We are also in need for some articles for our digest. If you are a coin collector that has a specialty that would like to talk a little about that specialty, please submit an article to our editor.

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On a final note, I would like to close by saying that last year's show's financial discrepancies have been resolved. In this digest, we have included copies of the balance sheet of our club's finances, as well as the balance sheet for last year's show. We have addressed some problems that existed and have made changes to make sure these problems can never happen again.

I hope everyone has a wonderful summer. I look forward to seeing you all at our annual show in September.

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President of ILNA

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## Secretary's Message

By: Michael Doran

Just a note that ballots for the upcoming election of officers and board members will be mailed out in July. Also on this ballot is a proposed amendment involving the Bourse Chairman, which, under the ILNA Constitution and By-Laws, has to be voted on by the membership. Please vote accordingly and promptly.

Any questions on membership may be referred to me by phone at (217) 663-0276, e-mail at [secretary@ilnaclub.info](mailto:secretary@ilnaclub.info), or by regular mail at P.O. Box 401, Charleston, IL 61920-0401.

On behalf of the Officers and the Board of Governors of ILNA, I would kindly thank each and every member for their continued support in promoting numismatics in the Land of Lincoln.

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# Bourse Chairman's Message

By: Jim Paicz

Well it's Spring and they say that a person's heart turns to love but not for your bourse team. Yes, I said TEAM. John and I would like to welcome my wife Joyce to the team and yes, she has all the knowledge and can answer any questions just as well as John and I. PS: I may be Chairman but she is Boss. PSS: I know my place on the food chain.

Now back to the show the 2010 Show is almost sold out and for the first time we are going to have a Security Room. There will be 3 grading services at the show: PCGS Currency-they will accept submissions thru show and submissions accepted on Thursday will be returned on Friday. Michigan Master Numismatic Services-will be slabbing coins thru out the show. SEGS/Larry Briggs-will be accepting submissions & authenticating coins thru out the show.

The convention center is under construction and will impact the show for dealer load in/out and parking. This will be addressed in a letter to the dealers who should have received it already. We have some great seminars lined up for this show, you can visit [www.ilnaclub.info](http://www.ilnaclub.info) for this information. Also visit the website for hotel information.

The theme of this year's show is ILNA Salutes Scouting for 100 years. If you were a scout or Troop Leader and can fit in your uniform please wear it as a tribute to scouting. Hope to see all of you at the show. ILNA is moving in a positive direction so take the ride with us see you in September. If anyone is interested in volunteering their time at the ILNA show or if you have any questions please contact Jim 708-670-3469 or e-mail [paiczj@aol.com](mailto:paiczj@aol.com).

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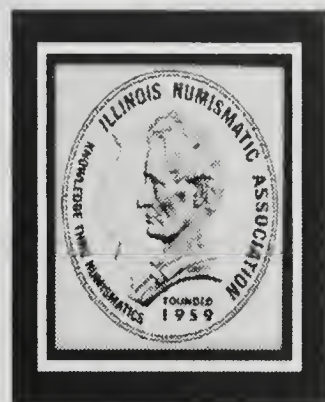
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# ILLINOIS NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION 51<sup>st</sup> COIN & CURRENCY SHOW



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Tables starting at \$200 for all three days, Early Bird Badges \$45

Steve Harrison, President – Illinois Numismatic Association

# Making Sense

John D Wright, NLG

This is a WONderful year for numismatics, and a quite interesting year historically. It sort of reminds me of the supposedly old Chinese curse “May you live in interesting times”. Let’s see how soon you identify this ‘interesting’ year.

The French fashion label ‘Louis Vuitton’ is founded this year.

A Papal Bull (an Apostolic letter with a leaden seal) is issued this year by Pope Pius IX proclaiming two basic tenants of faith that are still accepted by faithful Catholics. The ‘Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary’ says that Mary was conceived without sin and lived a sinless life in order to bear the Son of God. ‘Papal Infallibility in All Matters’ says that all pronouncements from the Pope are the direct word of God and as such are wholly without error. Both of these tenants of faith are rejected by Eastern Orthodox (Byzantine) and Protestant (non-Catholic western) Christians.

Brazil’s national economy lives or dies on coffee exports. Brazil’s first railway opens this year to bring inland-grown coffee to the seaports on Guanabara Bay. This bay was mistakenly named ‘Rio de Janeiro’ on its discovery in 1502. The rail replaces a mule trail down the face of a cliff and traverses “a wall without entrance” to reach the upland plantations.

The Suez Canal in Egypt, linking the Mediterranean Sea with the Red Sea, is inaugurated this year in an elaborate ceremony. Actual digging will begin three years hence, and the canal will be completed and opened to traffic fifteen years hence.

George Boole, a self-taught English mathematician, publishes a new symbolic notation for expressions of formal logic. His actual notations are MUCH more succinct than the title of his paper: *An Investigation of the Laws of Thought, on Which are Founded the*

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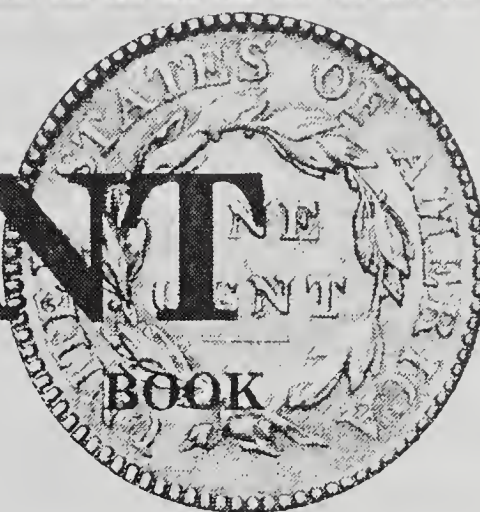


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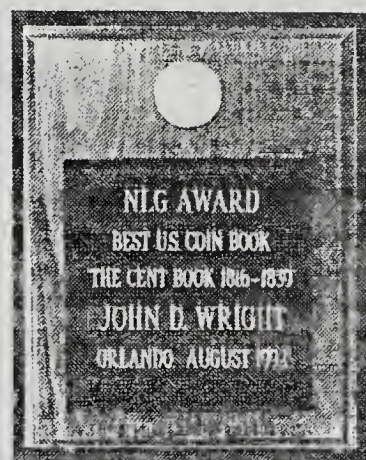
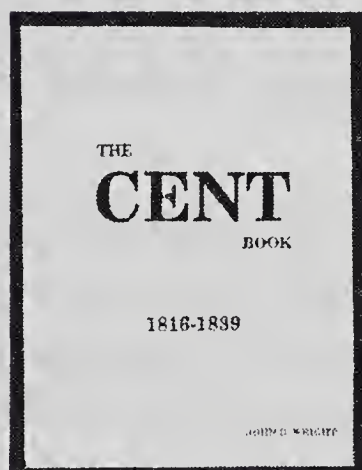
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# Making Sense

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*Mathematical Theories of Logic and Probabilities.* Here he describes what the computer industry today calls ‘cybernetics’ and mathematicians call ‘Boolean algebra’.

Commodore Perry returns to Japan where the Shogun signs the Treaty of Kanagawa, formally ratifying the ‘requests’ made on Perry’s unwelcome visit last year.

In South Africa, Britain withdraws all troops to south of the Orange River and recognizes the establishment by the Boers (Dutch) of the ‘Orange Free State’.

British and French warships sail through the Bosphorus into the Black Sea to land troops in the Crimea. One of the more memorable events of the battle of Balaclava this year is immortalized in Alfred Tennyson’s *The Charge of the Light Brigade* ... “Into the valley of death rode the six hundred ...”.

The commander of this ill-advised and ill-fated cavalry charge against the wrong target is James Brudenell, the seventh Earl of Cardigan. James, age 57, has made a career of purchasing military commissions, fighting duels, and pursuing women. He emerges from this cavalry charge unscathed, but 505 of his 673 man cavalry unit are cut down by Russian artillery. Lord Cardigan is the first to reach the Russian cannons, the first to return, and one of the very few unwounded survivors of this ill-fated charge. He reports “I have lost my brigade”, and retires to his private yacht to dine. For his bravery and obedience he is promoted to Inspector General.

The Russians are faring poorly in the Crimean War, but Czar Nicholas I vows that “Generals January and February will be my best allies in the Crimea”.

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- ~Studies in Silk Road Coins and Culture  
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- ~The Flying Eagle and Indian Cent Attribution Guide  
2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, Volume 1 thru 4 by Richard E. Snow, 2008-2009
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Sale of Showcase	125.00
Sale of Lincoln Comms & Elongates	<u>625.00</u>
	\$ 46,344.00

## Show Expenses

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Advertising	5,729.00
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Abe Lincoln Impersonator	1,350.00
Lincoln Comms & Elongates	1,441.00
Printing	1,054.00
Bourse Chairman	<u>900.00</u>
	\$ 34,565.00

\*\$7,500.00 Still due ILNA

# Illinois Numismatic Association 2009 Financial Report

## Revenue

Dues	\$ 1,384
Advertising	1,974
2009 Convention Receipts	32,715
2010 Convention Receipts	21,148
Donations	1,700
Interest Income	<u>680</u>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b><u>\$ 59,601</u></b>

## Expenses

2009 Convention Expenses	\$ 37,869
Convention Banquet	1,834
Legal Fees	550
Supplies	1,069
Misc. Expenses	255
Board Expense	1,410
Books for Libraries	615
Insurance	565
Printing	755
Website	700
2010 Convention Deposit	<u>3,000</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b><u>\$ 53,149</u></b>
<b>Total Revenue over Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 6,452</b>

Beginning Balance 1/01/09	\$ 75,053
Ending Balance 12/31/09	81,358

## Ending Balance consists of:

Regular Checking Account	60,906
Accounts Receivable	10,452
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# Making Sense

## (continued)

A typhus epidemic in the Russian army spreads to French, Turkish, and British troops in the Crimea. A 34-year-old superintendent of a London hospital brings 38 nurses with her to start a barracks hospital in the war zone. In spite of the reduction in deaths from the sanitary conditions introduced by Florence Nightingale and her associates, cholera, dysentery, and typhus will take more lives in the Crimean War than will battle casualties. There are no recorded statistics from the Russians, the French, or the Turks, but without sanitary care they fare much worse than the British. British deaths from this war total 4,600 from battle wounds and 17,500 from disease. Total war casualties on all sides exceed 700,000.

A cholera epidemic in London this year kills 10,000.

An earthquake destroys San Salvador in the Bahamas.

Steamship transportation proliferates, but is still quite dangerous. At least six ships sink this year (Tayleur, San Francisco, City of Glasgow, Long Beach, Arctic, New Era), each taking 300 or more to their deaths.

Railroads have spread westward from the US Atlantic coast reaching the Mississippi River this year, but Texas cattlemen still drive their herds long distances to market. The first beef cattle from Texas reach New York this year, but the long trek has made the meat tough and stringy.

The Boston Public Library and New York's Astor Library open this year.

The first fireproof building in the US is constructed for Harper & Brothers in New York City. The wrought-iron-in-concrete building is Harper's response to the disastrous warehouse fire last year at Macmillan Publishing.

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# Making Sense

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A Pennsylvania paper mill produces low-cost paper from a pressure-boiled pulp of wood. This will soon become the preferred process worldwide for making cheap paper.

Horace Smith and Daniel Wesson form a partnership in Massachusetts to produce a lever-action pistol. Smith & Wesson will become one of the world's largest producers of handguns.

This year Henry Mayer patents the sleeping rail car. Aaron Allen of Boston patents the folding Theater chair. Walter Hunt, who had patented the safety pin five years ago, invents the disposable paper collar.

Popular songwriter Stephen Foster writes *Jeanie with the Light Brown Hair*.

Henry Thoreau publishes *Walden, or Life in the Woods* advocating a simple return-to-the-basics life. Thoreau is also active in the Underground Railroad and the anti-slavery speech circuit.

William Grayson publishes a long poem *The Hireling and the Slave* in opposition to *Uncle Tom's Cabin*. The poem contrasts the wretched life of the wage-slaves of the North with the ideal life of the slaves on Southern plantations.

The Kansas-Nebraska Act of May 30 repeals the Missouri Compromise of 1820 and the Omnibus Bill of four years ago. This opens Kansas and Nebraska Territories to settlement – lands that had been reserved by treaty to be Indian lands forever. The slave-versus-free question will be settled by popular vote in each territory.

New cities founded this year include Lawrence Kansas and Omaha Nebraska.

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# What is a Token?

By Jim Paicz

A token does not only have to be made of metal to be a token. Cardboard chits for value are usually considered as a tokens rather than paper money. For example – various groups of purists try to narrow the meaning of the word token from time to time. Some say a token must be “worth” something to be truly a token. For example – it must be “good for” 5 cents, one tune, one shave, one ride, one cord, one bushel, one drink or one task. One quality a token must have, however, is a set concrete: A token must not have been issued by a government for any legal tender purpose. Such quality would make it a coin, not a token.

## Civil War Store & Patriotic Civil War Tokens 1861-1865

The red copper private cent to replace the yellowish cupronickel Flying Eagle cents (1857-58) and the Indian Head cents (1859-61). During the post mint opening period, say from 1793 through 1832, private tokens appeared which passed current, but they were supplement to an sufficient coinage. IN the hard times period (1837-44) all silver and gold specie disappeared into private hoards, and even government cents and half cents became more difficult to find. But neither the Early American nor Hard Times periods witnessed the hoarding accompany the earlier stages of the Civil WAR. Civil War tokens were of two basic types, the so-called “patriotic” tokens which contained no sponsor’s name who would redeem them for cash, and the “store cards” which did name a redeemer. (The redeemer was often ephemeral when it came time to pay up, but most merchant issuers in fact did redeem their creations.) Two periods of American history has the need for a private token coinage. These two periods were the Colonial/Early Republican era, and the period of the Wars Between the States. The diesinkers who prepares Civil War tokens kept several thoughts in mind when selecting designs: PATRIOTISM was rampant in the North after the outbreak of war in April 1861. Many designs could be prepared to imitate government coinage

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Former Whigs and Democrats who are opposed to the extension of slavery form a new political party which takes the name 'Republican'. Their first convention is held on February 28 of this year in Jackson Michigan. Dissatisfaction over the Kansas-Nebraska Act will further grow the ranks of this new party.

In a speech at Peoria Illinois this year Abraham Lincoln condemns the Kansas-Nebraska Act and calls for the gradual emancipation of all Southern slaves.

The 'Party of Native-Born Protestants' holds a national meeting in Cincinnati this year. Outsiders call them the 'Know-nothing Party' because their delegates' response to most questions is "I know nothing about that". Their main thrust is to exclude "foreigners and Catholics" from public office and to require a 21-year residency in the US before granting US citizenship.

The 'Ostend Manifesto' is submitted this year to the Secretary of State from three US Ministers meeting in Ostend Belgium. It proposes offering Spain \$130 million for Cuba, and if Spain refuses, the US should take Cuba by force. This proposal, angering anti-slavery states and Spain alike, is rejected.

This year sees the first graduating class of the US Naval Academy at Annapolis Maryland, as six graduates become Ensigns in the US Navy. To quote a commencement address by the Chief of Naval Operations in 1984 (Admiral James Watkins) citing the quality of USNA graduates, "Unlike other universities, we are required to hire 100% of our graduates".

Major numismatic events of this year include the opening in San Francisco of a federal mint to strike gold coins. The mint pays \$16 per troy ounce for locally extracted gold and produces 280,440 coins totaling over four million dollars in its first year.

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This event alone should reveal the year as 1854. By next year S-mint gold mintage will eclipse that of Philadelphia.

Private assayers in California continue striking gold coins valued from 25c to \$20, but the federal mint will soon wholly satisfy both local AND national needs for gold coins. Next year the San Francisco mint will add silver coinage, but over fifty years will pass before it strikes copper coins (in 1908).

Another first for this year comes from the lesser-known provision of the Coinage Act of 1853. The US Postal Service is now selling 100-stamp sheets of postage stamps to local businesses to facilitate their mailings. Congress has appended to the Coinage Act of 1853 a clause requiring the creation of a coin to purchase sheets of postage stamps. The first \$3 coins are minted in 1854 – about the same size as the commonly seen half eagle (\$5 gold) and with the same design as the current gold dollar. This redundant denomination, though never popular in circulation, will endure for 35 years. The recognition of future such mistakes will come sooner as they are repeated: 2c (1864, 9 years) and 20c (1876, 2 years).

The other four mints this year pour out 36.4 million silver coins, 3.5 million gold coins (mostly in gold dollars), and 4.2 million coppers (mostly as cents). The gold-only strikings from Charlotte and Dahlonega are minimal. The Congress-mandated \$3 piece is represented by fewer than 164,000 pieces, which is still far the largest mintage for any year of the series.

Rarities of 1854 include the S-mint quarter eagles (246 struck, about a dozen known) and half eagles (268 struck, three known). Both of these set new records every time they (rarely) come up at auction.

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Half cent coinage continues this year, even though the glut of 1853 half cents still sits in the vaults. Cent production, though still large, has been dwindling over the past four years because a cent now costs well over a cent to produce (just as in 2008).

Experimental cent designs are made this year of reduced weight. These run 4 to 5 pennyweight versus the standard cent at 7 dwt, and 25 millimeter diameter versus a standard cent at 28 mm. The most commonly seen of these (usually in Proof or impaired Proof) are the 'Starless Liberty' and the 'Flying Eagle' with a ring of stars. Both have a standard large-cent reverse type with small letters. There are around 100 to 200 known of each of these two types of 1854 pattern cents.

Besides these fascinating pieces, the large cents of 1854 are occasionally found with reverse crossways left (N19) or crossways right (N27). This should give MORE than enough reason to make 1854 a fascinating year for the collector.

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# What is a Token?

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without actually committing crime of Counterfeiting. Works of metallic art were not required merely clear motifs and legible inscriptions. The “head” side of Patriotic CWT’s quote often depicted a Miss Liberty in her Phrygian cap reminiscent of America’s early coinage, or else an Indian head with headband similar to the government cent design 1859. Other head depicted were of popular heroes: Washington, Lincoln, McClellan, Grant, Andrew Jackson, Franklin, Stephan Douglas. Flying Eagles were used, US Shields, cannon, horseman, US Flags, and many mundane subjects such as beehive, steer, crowing cock, clasped hands, coiled snake, saddle, thistle, mortar and pestle, etc . Within wreath which appeared on so many CW Tokens were words. Some of the features were: OUR/ARMY, OUR/NAVY, ARMY & NAVY, UNION FOR EVER, OUR CARD , BUSINESS CARD and the Favorite of all was NOT ONE CENT. Another hard time carry over was the motto MILLIONS FOR DEFENSE, NOT ONE CENT FOR TRIBUTE. It was used sparingly though. The most famous motto to appear on CWT was: IF ANYBODY ATTEMPTS TO TEAR IT DOWN/ SHOT HIM ON THE SPOT. The Marshall House in Alexandria, a Washington, D.C. suburb, became famous in 1861. Col. Ephraim E. Ellsworth, 24, commander of Ellsworth’s Fire Zouaves, Garrisoned Alexandria. The Marshall House owner, a hot-blooded Southerner named James T. Jackson, flew the Stars and Bars over his hotel . When Ellsworth warned him to lower the rebel banner, Jackson refuse. Col. Ellsworth and Pvt. Brownell then entered the hotel and pulled the Confederate Flag down. As they descended the stars, Jackson shot and killed Ellsworth and Brownell returned the fire, killing Jackson. Chicago, not Cincinnati seems to have given birth to the Civil War Token idea. A few 1861 dated tokens Were struck there, and undated specimens bearing the words BUSINESS CARD on reverse were struck In 1860-1862 following a motif originally used as early as 1857. The BUSINESS CARD dies generally imitate the wealth reverse of the Flying Eagle cent, replacing ONE/CENT with BUSINESS CARD.





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**September 19, (Sun)** Rockford Area Coin Club 108th Semi-Annual Show, 9AM to 4PM, Rockford, IL, Location: Holiday Inn - Hoffman House, 7550 E. State St, Rockford, IL, Tables: 56 Fee: \$45.00, Admission: Free, Contact: Don Smith, 100 W Main St., Rockton, IL 61072, E-mail: [dcoins0302@aol.com](mailto:dcoins0302@aol.com) Phone: 815 624-0422



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